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TALKING POINTS FOR THE SECRETARY'S BILATERAL WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER OREJA

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AS PER REF TELECON, HERewith ARE TALKING POINTS FOR
SECRETARY'S BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
OREJA:

1. LIKE ALL FRIENDS OF SPAIN, U.S. WELCOMES THE CON-
TINUED DEVELOPMENT OF DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IN SPAIN. WE
ADMIRE GREATLY THE LEADERSHIP PROVIDED BY THE KING AND
PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ.
2. U.S. WELCOMES GOS DESIRE FOR NATO MEMBERSHIP
WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT THIS IS DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY
SPANISH PEOPLE WITHOUT OUTSIDE PRESSURE. (IF OPPORTUNITY
ARISES SECRETARY COULD IN THE BILATERAL EXPLORE GOS
PLANS FOR DEBATE ON NATO QUESTION IN SPANISH CONGRESS.)
3. WE NOTE SUCCESS THUS FAR OF SPANISH ECONOMIC PROGRAM
(MONCLOA PACT), AND ARE PLEASED TO SEE THAT GOS HAS TAKEN
ACTION WHICH WILL PERMIT THE OPENING OF U.S. BANKS IN
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SPAIN.

4. IF OREJA RAISES COUNTERVAILING DUTIES (SEE REF (A),
PARA 9), SECRETARY MAY WISH TO STATE THAT THIS NEW INVES-
TIGATION BY THE TREASURY IS NOT AIMED SPECIFICALLY AT
SPANISH EXPORTS BUT IS RATHER A PART OF A GENERAL REVIEW
OF OUR TREATMENT OF CASCADE TURNOVER TAXES (LIKE SPAIN'S)

AS COMPARED TO OUR TREATMENT OF VALUE-ADDED TAXES. WE HOPE TO RESOLVE THIS QUESTION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

5. U.S. PUBLICALLY SUPPORTS THE SPANISH POSITION ON THE CANARIES AND IS GRATIFIED TO HAVE PLAYED A SMALL ROLE IN HELPING SPANISH DEFER CONSIDERATION OF THE CANARIES ISSUE AT THE OAU SUMMIT IN KHARTOUM.

6. SHOULD OREJA URGE THE U.S. TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN THE MAHGREB, SECRETARY MAY WISH TO REASSERT OUR VIEW THAT A POSTURE OF U.S. NEUTRALITY IS PREFERABLE BECAUSE WE DO NOT WANT SUPER-POWER INVOLVEMENT IN THE NORTH AFRICAN DISPUTE.

7. SECRETARY SHOULD BE PREPARED TO BRIEF OREJA ON AFTER-MATH OF CAMP DAVID MEETING AND OUR ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AS WELL AS CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICA.

8. IF TIME PERMITS, OREJA WOULD ALSO WELCOME HEARING ABOUT U.S.-USSR RELATIONS.

9. SPANISH CONCERN OVER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TREATY (PARA 8 REFTEL): IF THIS ISSUE IS RAISED IN THE BILATERAL MEETING WE SUGGEST THE SECRETARY MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:
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-- WE ARE WELL AWARE OF SPANISH CONCERNS OVER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TREATY IN THE AREAS OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND ARMS SALES FROM THE VERY FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS WHICH FIRST VICE PRESIDENT AND DEFENSE MINISTER GUTIERREZ HAD IN WASHINGTON IN AUGUST.

-- WE ARE CONSIDERING WHAT ACTIONS WE CAN TAKE TO FOLLOW UP ON THE ISSUES WHICH HE RAISED, SINCE WE ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH SPAIN AND INTEND TO ABIDE BY THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE TREATY. WE KNOW THAT A STRONG, DEMOCRATIC SPAIN, WHICH CAN MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEFENSE OF THE WEST, IS IN BOTH OUR INTERESTS, AND WILL ADDRESS SPANISH CONCERNS OVER IMPLEMENTING THE TREATY WITH THIS IN MIND.

10. TALKING POINTS ON ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE CONTEXT OF AN ANNOTATED AGENDA TO BE SENT IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE. SINCE THIS WILL DEPEND ON COMPLETION OF ALL THE JOINT COMMITTEE REPORTS AND FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SPANISH, WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE BEING ABLE TO PROVIDE IT UNTIL ABOUT A WEEK BEFORE THE

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